

At a GENERAL MEETING of the YORKSHIRE LAW SOCIETY,

Held at RINGROSE's INN in YORK,

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On Tuesday Evening the 17th of March, 1789, pursuant to Notice given in the York and Leeds Papers:

RESOLVED, unanimously, That the following General Rules and Orders of this Society, with an Alphabetical List of the Names and Places of Residence of the Members, shall be printed and delivered to them during the present Assizes.

T H E R U L E S.

- Society formed.** I. That Attornies and Solicitors residing in the County of York, the City of York and County of the same City, and the Town of Kingston upon Hull and County of the same Town, who shall be admitted in Pursuance of and act agreeably to the following Rules, shall form a Society, and be called THE YORKSHIRE LAW SOCIETY.
- For what Purposes.** II. That the principal Objects of this Society shall be, to preserve the Privileges and support the Credit of Attornies and Solicitors; to promote fair and liberal Practice, and prevent Abuses in the Profession; and, to adopt such Measures as may appear best calculated to effect those Ends, and most likely to secure Respect to the Professors, and be of Advantage to their Employers.
- Members.** III. That the Attornies and Solicitors, present at this Meeting, so residing, and subscribing these Rules, shall be Members.
- Election.** IV. That all Persons to be chosen Members hereafter shall be first proposed by a Member, at a public Meeting, and the Proposal seconded, and shall be afterwards elected by Ballot before any other Business be proceeded in.
- V. That no Ballot shall take Place unless twelve Members at the least be present, and the Assent of Three-fourths of those Members shall be requisite to make an Election.
- How to withdraw.** VI. That all Members shall continue subject to these Rules until they severally desire to withdraw their Names, by Writing to be presented at a General Meeting.
- Honorary Members.** VII. That all Attornies and Solicitors not generally resident in one of the Places mentioned in the first Resolution, who shall attend the Assizes, shall be honorary Members, for that Time, on being introduced by a Member.
- General Meetings.** VIII. That a General Meeting of the Society shall be held at York, on Tuesday Evening in every Assize Week in future, at such Place as the President of the last preceding Meeting shall appoint; and that Notice thereof shall be given by the President in the York and Leeds Papers.
- Time of Meeting.** IX. That the Hour of Meeting shall be Seven o'Clock, and those who appear later than Half an Hour afterwards shall forfeit One Shilling to the general Fund.
- Officers.** X. That there shall be a President, (to act as Chairman) Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, chosen at the Lent Assizes yearly, and no Person shall be President or Secretary for more than one Year at a Time.
- Debates.** XI. That all Debates shall be conducted in such Manner as the President, for the Time being, shall direct.
- XII. That all Questions shall be proposed in Writing by the Mover, and shall be seconded by a Member before any further Debate be permitted thereon.
- Subscription.** XIII. That each Member shall annually subscribe and pay, at every Lent Assizes after his Admission, One Guinea into the Treasurer's Hands, for the Benefit of the Society, out of which the Bills, at General Meetings, and all incidental Expences shall be paid, and the Surplus applied for such Purposes as the Majority of the Members, at any General Meeting, shall direct; and no honorary Member shall contribute to such Bills.
- XIV. That every new Member shall pay One Guinea upon Admission.
- Payment of Bills.** XV. That the Bill shall be called for at Eleven o'Clock, shall be settled by the Secretary, and paid by the Treasurer, by Half past Eleven, and then the President may retire at his Pleasure.
- Rules for proper Conduct.** XVI. That if any Member shall behave improperly at any General Meeting, in the Judgment of the Majority of the Members present, he shall make such Acknowledgment, or pay such Fine, and for such Purpose, as they shall direct; and in Default thereof shall be expelled.
- And Expulsion.** XVII. That Two-thirds of the Members present at any General Meeting (not less than Fifteen being present) shall have Power to expel any Member of this Society, for what in their Opinion shall appear to be improper Conduct or Practice in his Profession.
- General Approbation.** XVIII. And we whose Names are hereunto subscribed do declare that we approve of and will observe these Rules; and that no Person shall be subject to any Damages, nor be liable to any Action for acting in Consequence thereof.

The Names and Places of Residence of the Members.

Bell, John - - - -	Scarborough	Iveson, William, jun.	Hedon	Standish, Henry - -	Doncaster
Bentley, John - - -	Bradford	Keld, Christopher - -	Beverley	Swallow, Richard - -	Selby
Beckwith, Josiah - -	Maebrough, near	Lamb, James - - -	York	Spofforth, Robert - -	Howden
	Rotherham	Lockwood, William - -	Easingwold	Sykes, Edward - - -	Dewsbury
Breare, John - - -	Middleham	Lambert, David - - -	Malton	Scott, Robert - - -	York
Bolland, Thomas - -	Leeds	Lakeland, Robert - -	York	Smith, John - - -	Otley
Birch, Joseph - - -	Malton	Lockwood, John - - -	Beverley	Townend George - - -	York
Brookfield, John - -	Sheffield	Lister, Rich. Humpton	Scarborough	Terry, Thomas - - -	Beverley
Carr, John - - -	Wakefield	Martin, John - - -	Ripon	Travis, John, jun. - -	Scarborough
Clayton, John - - -	Kippax	Mathews, John - - -	Stokesley	Taylor, Thomas - - -	Pontefract
Carr, John - - -	Skipton in Craven	Nicholson, Lucas - -	Leeds	Taylor, Peter - - -	Ripon
Candier, Henry - - -	Tadcaster	Parker, Robert - - -	Halifax	Thorpe, Anthony - - -	York
Denham, John - - -	Selby	Parker, John - - -	Sheffield	Watson, Shepley - - -	Wakefield
Ewbank, Thomas - -	Malton	Parker, Robert, jun. -	Halifax	Walton, Thomas - - -	Northallerton
Foljambe, John - - -	Rotherham	Prickett, Josiah - - -	Hull	Wolley, Edward - - -	York
Ferdinando, Richard -	Hull	Peirson, John - - -	Howden	Walker, William - - -	Thirsk
Frost, Thomas - - -	Hull	Ramsey, Robert - - -	Beverley	Watson, Rowland - - -	Keighley
Gray, William, jun. -	York	Robson, R. Smith - - -	Scarborough	Wales, William - - -	Northallerton
Hebdin, James - - -	Leeds	Rimington, John - - -	Sheffield	Wilson, John - - -	Hull
Hepworth, John - - -	Pontefract	Ramsden, Rowland - -	Halifax	Wrightson, John - - -	Easingwold
Harrison, Charles, jun.	Ripon	Rowntree, John - - -	York	Willson, Matthew - - -	Otley
Hudson, George - - -	Pocklington	Sambourn, Thomas - -	Sheffield	Williamson, James - -	Bedale
Jameson, William - -	York	Scholefield, Thomas -	Howden	Yarker, Luke William	Middleham